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DETECTION DEVICE AND  
METHOD  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 17, 2007, please consider the following:

**Listing of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.